

## BELMONT'S GRIP ON QUEENS.

HE BUYS UP THE TROLLEYS AND WILL TUNNEL TO THEM.

Has Got the Old Steinway Franchise for the Tunnel and With That Can Run Under 42nd Street—Ahead of the P. R. R. In That—Announcement May Be To-day.

Announcement will probably be made by August Belmont at to-day's meeting of the Rapid Transit Commission that the interests he represents have obtained control of the trolley system of the New York and Queens County Railway Company, comprising practically all the trolley lines in Queens.

Mr. Belmont intended to make the announcement two weeks ago, when he met to the Rapid Transit Commission his suggestions for building a new subway from the Battery up the west side of the city to about Thirty-second street and thence across town to Lexington avenue and up that thoroughfare to Harlem. The Metropolitan Street Railway Company wants to build a subway under almost precisely these same streets, and as an incentive to the Rapid Transit Commission to adopt the route he had planned Mr. Belmont intended to tell the board that he had gained control of the Queens county railroad system and also obtained the rights of the old Steinway tunnel company to dig a tunnel under the East River to Queens. Mr. Belmont decided to delay this announcement for the time being, but he is expected to communicate it to the Rapid Transit Commission to-day.

The New York and Queens County company owns about 150 miles of tracks. It carries about 12,000,000 passengers a year and runs from Long Island City to such centers in Queens as Astoria, Ravenswood, Steinway, Woodside, Winfield, Elmhurst, Newtown, Corona, Flushing, College Point and Jamaica.

Some years ago a company was formed to tunnel under the East River from Steinway to Manhattan. This company obtained from the State a charter in perpetuity to construct a tunnel not only under the river, the outlet on this side to be at Forty-second street, but also to carry the tunnel under Forty-second street as far as Tenth avenue, thence for a few blocks north and then on to the North River.

Work was actually begun on this tunnel from the Long Island side, but after a few hundred feet had been bored an explosion occurred. Because of the many suits for damages threatened by those hurt in the explosion, the company went out of business and further work on the tunnel was abandoned. Mr. Belmont and his colleagues have not only bought up a majority of the shares in the company, but have made settlements with those who had claims against it.

This was the first step taken by the Belmont interests to extend their operations to Queens. The next step was to obtain control of the Queens county surface railroad system.

A majority of the shares of this company was acquired about a year ago by a combination of capitalists who intended to sell out to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The Pennsylvania Railroad wanted the trolley roads as feeders to the terminal, which is to be built in Long Island City. It was learned yesterday from an authoritative source that the Pennsylvania company objected to purchasing the stock at the price demanded for it, the officials of the Pennsylvania thinking that with no competition in sight they could name their own price. The result was that the men holding the shares went to Mr. Belmont and after a few days negotiations sold out to him.

With the Manhattan subway and the extension to Brooklyn, as well as the Manhattan elevated railroad and the Queens county roads in their possession, the Belmont interests now need only to get control of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system—and it has been more than once reported that they are angling for that—in order almost to monopolize the local transportation facilities of the city.

Although the Metropolitan company has now come forward as a prospective bidder for the new subway now being planned, that company will not be so well placed as the Belmont company in building for the extension, because the Belmont syndicate may be able to offer a more comprehensive system of transfers between the boroughs.

The Belmont company, it was learned yesterday, has already obtained a large number of the needed consents of property owners along Forty-second street and the other thoroughfares under which the tunnel will pass in Manhattan and is prepared to begin work at once on the building of the tunnel from Manhattan to Long Island City.

## AFTER WALSH AND BURFELD.

The Duces Tecum Club's Sergeant-at-Arms Gets Summonses for Them.

James Kennedy, who is janitor at 50 West Thirty-fifth street, and sergeant-at-arms of the Duces Tecum (Bring it with you) Club, which occupies everything but the basement of that house, secured summonses for Inspector Richard Walsh, Capt. Henry W. Burfield of the West Thirtieth street station and two policemen from Magistrate Breen in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday.

Kennedy wants the police to show cause why they have occupied the hallways and rooms of the club from noon till 6 o'clock for the last six days.

Summonses were issued for Inspector Walsh and Capt. Burfield by Magistrate Crane, sitting in the Jefferson Market police court a month ago, at the instance of the same club. At that time Magistrate Crane warned the police that they were exceeding their rights.

The summonses issued yesterday are returnable this afternoon.

## ARRESTED THUNDERBOLT AGAIN.

Leon Stedeker was arrested again yesterday afternoon for interfering with Patrolman Conway of the Church street station. The policeman refused to let Frank Moore, an insurance agent of Freehold, N. J., enter Stedeker's office at 96 Church street. Moore was arrested on a technical charge of assault.

Magistrate Pool in the Tombs court perjured both men for examination to-day.

## CITY COLLEGE MEN WEAK.

Supt. Maxwell, who says So, Advises Them to Cry Without Crying for a Gym.

City Superintendent Maxwell, in presenting athletic trophies to students of the College of the City of New York yesterday afternoon, complained of the physical inadequacy of many of its graduates, due, he said, to the utter lack of extramural facilities at the college until recently.

Dr. Maxwell said that there were graduates who passed the teachers' license examinations with the highest honors, but who frequently became physical wrecks very soon after beginning their work as teachers. He went on to say, "I tell you students to make the lives of the trustees miserable until they give you, right here at the college, a perfectly equipped gymnastic system."

He then presented to the '08, '04 and '05 classes, respectively, the first, second and third prizes for the interschool relay race at Madison Square Garden.

Indorsement of Frank J. Gould.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 10.—A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held this evening and resolutions adopted assuring Frank J. Gould of New York of its hearty cooperation in furthering the trolley enterprise in this region and calling on the City Council to manifest cooperative spirit.

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## WHY PROF. MAC DOWELL QUIT.

HE MAKES PUBLIC HIS REASONS IN REPLY TO DR. BUTLER.

Protested Against Making a "Coeducational Department Store" of Fine Arts at Columbia and Suggested a New School—Trustees Disregarded It.

Prof. Edward A. MacDowell, whose recent resignation as professor of music at Columbia caused a great deal of gossip in the university, made public yesterday his letter to the trustees in which he made recommendations regarding a school of fine arts. He suggested a school in which sculpture, music and painting should be taught, and deplored a "tendency toward making a coeducational department store" of the division of fine arts, now existing at Columbia, by introducing kindergarten and similar work at Teachers' College.

"Publication of this letter to the trustees," said Prof. MacDowell yesterday, "will, I hope, mark the finishing point of this whole affair. I am heartily tired of it all and feel that much misunderstanding has been caused unnecessarily in the matter. I am only too eager to withdraw from the position of semi-prominence in which this whole controversy has placed me."

The letter is drawn forth by the fact that President Butler had denied that Prof. MacDowell had suggested any new plans for a school of fine arts at Columbia. Prof. MacDowell's communication to the trustees was as follows: "I have to report to you the small results my efforts have brought to the development of art at Columbia. The reason for this is obvious. 'Fine arts' in the United States consider the fine arts (except ballet letters and architecture) worthy of serious consideration."

The effect of this is very powerful, for most preparatory schools and women's colleges have imitated the universities' neglect of art, and thus the higher education in these institutions has become increasingly materialistic and devoid of idealism. I have tried to impress the powers that be with the necessity of giving to the student entering the university without some knowledge of the fine arts. Such knowledge may be very general and not technical, but it would force upon the preparatory school the necessity of giving to its curriculum. The present ignorance of the incoming student demands a remedy if the courses in the fine arts are to give anything but the most elementary instruction. No student should attain his B. A. degree without passing in at least two courses of a faculty of fine arts. In order to bring to a focus the art elements existing in Columbia I proposed that music be taken out of the faculty of letters and architecture put of the school of mines and with ballet letters form a faculty of fine arts, to complete which painting and sculpture would be indispensable."

Bringing to my attention the rich men of New York into endowing a chair of painting and sculpture the scheme though approved by the trustees was not realized. Architecture took a vital interest in the matter, but failed to accomplish anything for the missing arts. The outcome of all this was the establishment of a Division of Fine Arts, in which the inclusion of ballet letters and music included a research professorship of mine by the president consisted of my lending to Columbia the use of my name with no duties and no salary. I immediately refused it, as I was unwilling to associate my name with a policy I could not approve of. My department has been particularly very successful and has given a large profit to the university over and above expenses. For several years I have been an eager and enthusiastic supporter of the cause of art at Columbia, and now at last I have resigned the chair of music in order to resume my own belated vocation."

## MORE TROUBLE FOR SNIFFEN.

The Promoter Arraigned on Two Federal Grand Jury Indictments.

E. D. Sniffen, the promoter who was in the Tombs police court on Tuesday, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday on a bench warrant based on two indictments by the Federal Grand Jury charging him with conspiracy to defraud and with the use of the mails for fraudulent purposes. He gave \$4,000 cash bail to appear for examination on March 8.

The first indictment charges that Sniffen, with the "connivance, knowledge, concert and agreement" of one Charles F. Phillips, devised a scheme to defraud Alan Weir, president of the Natchez Railway and Logging Company. He promised, it is alleged, to obtain trustworthy trust companies to underwrite bonds Mr. Weir wanted to issue and to float those bonds. The \$2,063.20 which he obtained for "prepaid exchange" on the bonds was assigned to convert to his own use. The second indictment charges Sniffen with the fraudulent use of the mails for the correspondence connected with the bonds. The police court case against Sniffen was based on a similar transaction with a Montana mining man. He put up \$1,000 cash bail in that case.

## Insurance Payments Affect Exchange.

It was estimated yesterday that the foreign insurance companies would send about \$10,000,000 to this country to pay losses sustained through the Baltimore fire. This will naturally have a depressing effect on the foreign exchange market. Some of the companies have already called their branches here to settle as soon as possible, and the weakness noticeable in the sterling exchange market yesterday was due largely to bills offered against insurance remittances.



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## NO ENGEL POOLROOM ALLOWED

WELL, HE HAD A NERVE, SAID THE SULLIVAN HOSTS.

Army of Sleuths Carry the Lid That Was on the Bowery Over to Essex Market and Leave It There—Larry Summerfield and One Other Arrested.

When word reached the Sullivan on the Bowery a few days ago that a poolroom was to be opened in Martin Engel's hotel, once Silver Dollar Smith's, opposite Essex Market, they said that Engel had a nerve.

"And he not a district leader any more either," they murmured. They also offered to bet that the police would put the new poolroom under the lid suddenly.

When telephone wires were put into Engel's hotel on Monday afternoon policemen from Inspector Schmittberger's staff surrounded the place. They were allowed to roam at will around the hotel and at the same time two better put up their money. The odds came in over the telephone, but the detectives got no evidence.

On Tuesday the activity of the police was immense. All the plain clothes men who had been detailed to watch the Bowery poolrooms marched up a focus of fine arts like a regiment of soldiers. There were only three bettors on hand and the police got no evidence. The name of the winners of the open doors Detective Riley of the Hildridge street station came down a dumb waiter from the top floor and caught Summerfield reading a newspaper.

Just before the last race was off Capt. Flood marched into the rooms with a dozen cops. He arrested Summerfield and Jacob Neustadt, and Riley with an act out of the telephone. The patrol wagon was called and the two prisoners and the telephone were taken to the Essex Market police court. Detective Lemon of Inspector Schmittberger's staff said:

"My inspector won't stand for any poolrooms in his district. See how we got after this one so quick. Of course, those Bowery suspects are hard to catch."

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## THREE BODIES IN RUINS.

Chair Factory Building Had Been Condemned by Building Superintendent.

Searchers found the unrecognizable bodies of two men and a woman in the ruins of the Brooklyn Chair Company's factory, 118 to 122 Waverly avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday morning. They are supposed to be the bodies of the missing foreman, Christopher Krohn, 30 years old, of 397 South Fifth street; John Ritch, of 328 Mauger street; and Lizzie Pfunder, 19 years old, of 47 Sumner avenue.

This makes four deaths as a result of the fire, one man having died in the hospital and another on Tuesday night. Two others were reported as not expected to live, making the fire one of the most fatal that has occurred in the borough in some time.

Building Superintendent Collins yesterday gave out a statement saying that the building had been condemned by former Building Superintendent Calder because of the fire. The cause of the fire was ascribed to the Corporation Counsel, who had been asked to begin suit against the factory people some time before the catastrophe.

## Shot Himself as a Joke.

Daniel Hall, a middle aged, once armed man, who came to this city from Chicago a few months ago seeking employment, went into Joseph Perry's saloon, at Hooper and South Fifth streets, Williamsburg, yesterday and after seating himself in a chair asked the bartender where his boss was. When the bartender told him that Perry was asleep Hall said he guessed he would shoot himself. He drew a .32 calibre revolver and sent two bullets into his left side. An ambulance was summoned and Hall was taken to the Eastern District Hospital. One of the wounds is serious. Hall would only say that he shot himself as a joke.

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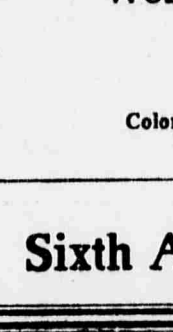
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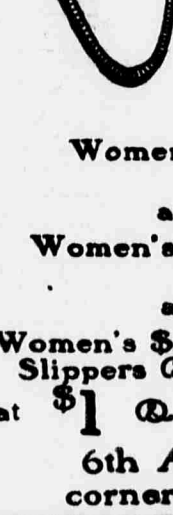
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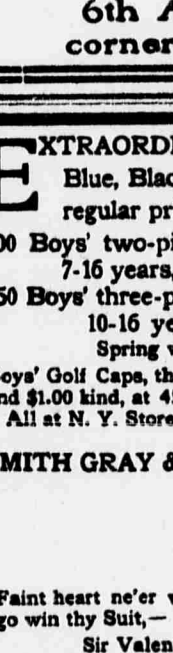
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## HELD FOR SCHAFER MURDER.

Teamster of Bedford, Ind., Arrested for Killing the School Teacher.

BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 10.—James McDonald, a teamster, was arrested here at 11:30 o'clock last night on a warrant charging him with the murder of Sarah C. Schafer, a school teacher, on the night of Jan. 21. The warrant on which McDonald was arrested was sworn out by Detective Reed an hour before the arrest was made by Detectives Reed and Smith of the Pinkerton agency, Policemen Myers and Sheriff Smith.

McDonald, who is a former convict, protests his innocence, but is unable, it is said, to show where he was on the night of the murder between 6 and 7 o'clock. He shot and killed a negro in this city about three years ago. The officers assert that they have convicting evidence against him.

## THE ANCIENTEST SUFFER MOST

That's What the Trouble is About in the Ancient O. U. W.

A member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen said yesterday that the kicking against the increased premium rate for life insurance in that organization comes mostly from the older members. "They don't object to the increase in itself," he said, "but to the manner in which the increase has been apportioned. Instead of a pro rata or equal percentage raise, the actuary who had charge of the matter evolved a scheme, which bears heaviest on the old men. It almost looks like a scheme to freeze us old 'uns out."

According to the new schedule the dues of the six classes included between the ages of 19 and 55 are raised from 4 to 12 per cent. That is all well and good. But then comes the 55 year and over class with an increase of 120 per cent. over what they formerly paid. That seems too much like rubbing it in."

## Saw a Seal in the Kill Van Kull.

According to John Cadmus, ticket agent at the ferry which runs between Bergen Point, N. J., and Port Richmond, Staten Island, a seal passed the Kill Van Kull yesterday on a large cake of ice. Cadmus watched it for some time and saw it dive from the ice several times. He recalled the attention of Harry Fletcher and the latter and several others went out in a boat to capture the seal, but it dived from the ice and was not seen again.

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\$4.50 Coats at \$2.25	\$9 Coats at \$4.50
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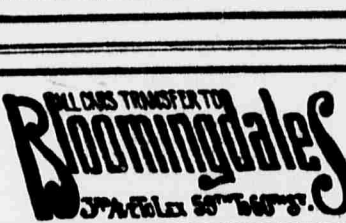
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